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PATENT
Docket No. GC647-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
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Rodriguez <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1639
)	
Serial No.: 10/008,620)	Examiner: Epperson, Jon D.
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Filed: December 4, 2001)	
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For: Method for Generating a Library of)	
Mutant Oligonucleotides Using the)	
Linear Cyclic Amplification Reaction))	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 4, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. The amendments to the Specification begin on page 2, while a complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 3, and the Remarks begin on page 6. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. Applicants also petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the present Office Action.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).